

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 21, 2008*

Mr. BLUNT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to Republican Earmark Guidance, I submit the following information.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROY BLUNT.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Defense-Wide—RDT&E, Ballistic Missile Defense Terminal Defense Segment.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: LaBarge Inc. (subcontractor of Raytheon).

Address of Requesting Entity: 1505 Maiden Lane, Joplin, MO 64801.

Description of Request: \$10 million is included in this bill for key components of the Short Range Ballistic Missile Defense, a Stunner interceptor used by both the United States and Israel. The use of taxpayer funds is justified because the need for this capability was demonstrated during Israel's conflict in Lebanon in 2006 and remains a top concern for U.S. troops deployed around the world. David's Sling is a joint U.S./Israeli program developing the affordable Stunner interceptor for use by both countries.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROY BLUNT.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Army—RDT&E, Medical Advanced Technology.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Missouri State University and Crosslink.

Address of Requesting Entity: 524 N. Booneville Ave. Springfield, MO 65806.

Description of Request: \$6 million is included in this bill to develop a localized drug delivery system for use on amputee and burn victims who are wounded in combat. Effective localized controlled drug delivery will provide amputees and burn victims the needed pain and healing therapeutics while minimizing the required dosage because the drug will be delivered locally and not systemically. This will aid in reducing chances of developing drug resistance and dependency both of which reduce healing time and reduce quality of life. The use of taxpayer funds is justified because there are an estimated 20,000 injuries in Iraq and many amputees are not wearing their prosthetic device due to discomfort resulting from inflammation and infection.

Requesting Member: Congressman ROY BLUNT.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Army—RDT&E, Medical Advanced Technology.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Missouri State University and St. Johns Health System.

Address of Requesting Entity: 524 N. Booneville Ave. Springfield, MO 65806.

Description of Request: \$6 million is included in this bill to fund technology to allow for the improved ability to quickly treat soldiers who sustain severe eye injuries in the field.

Currently, the time from injury to treatment for eye injuries in the Iraqi conflict averages more than 18 hours due to the lack of field-ready, easy-to-use eye injury stabilization materials. The use of taxpayer funds is justified because many of the injuries suffered by our military personnel serving in the Middle East are a result of IED (improvised explosive device) mortar and direct action injuries. Between October 2001 and June 2006, over 1,100 troops with combat eye trauma were evacuated from overseas military operations, making serious eye wounds one of the most common types of injury experienced in current U.S. conflicts. Walter Reed Army Medical Center feels strongly that the project has considerable military relevance and plans to collaborate in the program.

## SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF A BEBE MOORE CAMPBELL NATIONAL MINORITY MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

SPEECH OF

### HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 19, 2008*

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to support H. Con. Res.—134, the Establishment of a Bebe Moore Campbell National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month. As disproportionate numbers of African Americans, Latinos, Asians, and others of color continue to be affected by a lack of resources for mental illness, we can now take steps to bring solutions to the public consciousness with the establishment of this awareness month.

According to the 1999 Surgeon General's Report on Mental Illness, more than 54,000,000 Americans have a mental disorder in any given year, although fewer than 8,000,000 seek treatment.

Minority mental health consumers often fall into the category of the "working poor", facing additional challenges because they are underinsured or uninsured, which often leads to late diagnosis or no diagnosis of mental illness.

According to the 1999 Surgeon General's Report on Mental Illness, African Americans are misdiagnosed at a higher rate within the mental health delivery system, and greater effort must be made to accurately assess the mental health of African Americans.

Bebe Moore Campbell through her dedication and commitment sought to move communities to support mental wellness through effective treatment options, open access to mental health treatment and services, and improve community outreach and support for the many loved ones who are unable to speak for themselves.

Here in Congress, we must lead the fight for important issues such as mental illness, for all of our citizens regardless of their ethnicity or medical hardship. As our health care systems

continue to advance in the field of mental illness, an awareness month such as the Bebe Moore Campbell National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month can encourage increased knowledge and possible treatment for families who are affected by such a debilitating problem.

I strongly support the designation of the Bebe Moore Campbell National Health Awareness Month and I have profound respect for the late Bebe Moore Campbell who made great strides in bringing mental health awareness to both the African-American and the general American public, through her literary works and advocacy. As a celebrated writer and journalist, noted author, radio commentator, community activist, advocate, and recipient of numerous awards and honors, Bebe Moore Campbell was an exceptional individual and it is beyond fitting to name this awareness month in her and her work's honor.

I would like to commend Congressman WYNN and Congresswoman WATSON for their leadership in bringing this resolution before Congress.

## IN MEMORY OF JAMES "JIM" NELSON

### HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 21, 2008*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember James "Jim" Nelson, a pioneer in his community and grandfather of the Republican Party in Denton County.

Though my political life began after Jim's leadership of the Denton County Republican Party, his legacy and commitment to conservative principles is renowned. I am proud to call his son, J. Michael Nelson, and daughter-in-law, State Senator Jane Nelson, good friends of mine.

Jim was one of the few Republicans in Denton County in the 1970s, and he worked hard to build the party's base there. He can be credited, in large part, to the overwhelming success of the GOP in North Texas today. Besides the Republican Party, Jim was involved in business, arts and charitable organizations. He also served as Texas Education Commissioner from 1999 to 2002.

Jim was one of the hardest-working individuals I have ever met. The last time I saw him was at his Mayday Manufacturing Co. warehouse. Jim was right in the middle of it all, working on the line in the warehouse giving instructions. This is the type of tireless dedication that Jim applied to every aspect of his life.

Madam Speaker, it is truly an honor to rise today and remember a man who, throughout his long life, did so much to better those around him and his community. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. Jim will be greatly missed.

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